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THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

The people of this country were shocked last Friday as they have never been since the assassination of James A. Garfield when the news was flashed over the wires from Buffalo, New York, that a red-handed anarchist, without love of God or fear of the devil, had fired two leaden missiles into the body of William McKinley and that death in all probability would result. In that day of national calamity pronounced grief swayed the feelings of men without regard to political affiliation and hearts beat in sympathetic unison from the lakes to the gulf and from ocean to ocean for the stricken chief. In a few remote cases men gave expression to utterances connecting the cowardly assault with partisan politics, but let the curtain be rung down shutting off from the view of a decent, self-respecting people the personality of men so depraved and prostituted as to allow their political feelings to so sway them. The expression of such sentiment should cause the blush of shame to diffuse the cheek of him who gives it utterance.

The assault came most unexpectedly while the president was holding a public reception in one of the exposition buildings. At one moment an honored chief of a great people enjoying the fullest measure of health—at another a stricken man on the operating table under the knife of modern surgery cutting to remove the bullets of the intended assassin and save to the country that endeared life to the American people that seemed so surely ebbing away. How frail is humanity and how surely true that death is no respecter of persons.

It is unnecessary here to discuss at length the supposed motive that prompted a blood-thirsty villain to do such devilish work. Enough to say that he belongs to that school of thinkers in this country who believe in the divine right to remove those who are seemingly in the way of carrying out their lawless designs. In other words he is an anarchist and declares that he is proud of the distinction. Circumstances point to the conclusion that the man was chosen by lot to assassinate the president, which means that the entire breed of his kind should be forced from our shores or put to the stake.

But as to president McKinley. Wherein lies any logical reason for striking him down? Surely a man of lovable disposition and unquestioned integrity, the American people have come to respect and love him for his pronounced worth. Not even the political gulf that divides the parties has been sufficient to alienate from McKinley the very strongest friendship of those who disagree with him on matters of public import and now in his hour of great trouble the hearts of all go out to him with one accord. And in this is the beauty of American citizenship exemplified. We assume under our constitution that each and every man has the right to think for himself, hence a diversity in political opinion has no tendency to estrange, socially, and from a standpoint of brotherly love, one from another, the people who form the bulwark of this government. We stand by what we believe to be the right, but when the majority has spoken at the polls the president from one state becomes the respected and honored president of all the states and American manhood accentuates itself as the immovable rock upon which that high official can safely anchor as one who must be respected of all nations—the chief of the greatest nation of people the world has ever known—a nation of characteristic oneness when its honor is at stake—a liberty loving, God-fearing people who love honesty and uprightness and hate with the venom of the most poisonous thing of God's creation the ways of the murderer and the assassin.

In mourning the assault made upon

President McKinley there has been no north, no south, no east, no west, but one united country bowed in prayer that his life might be spared and the purpose of anarchy thwarted.

PARTISANISM RUNS RIOT.

The partisan Kansas City Journal, in taking the position that men who honestly differ with President McKinley and his party on the great economic questions that present themselves for solution today sympathize with the cowardly anarchist who attempted to assassinate our chief executive at Buffalo recently is so filthy in character and so loathsome in nature that decency cannot touch it without soiling its robes. So steeped is this cowardly assailant of a brave and patriotic people in filth and falsehood that the fumes from a stenchidden sewer would be as the scent of the tube-rose or the orange-blossom in comparison. These narrow-minded unamerican scribblers of latter day falsehood and calumny are blurs upon civilization and a parody on manhood. So plethoric are they of partisan prejudices that truth to them is strange and the lie the basic principle that underlies their entire structure. Through reckless, truthless expression they strip themselves to the waist, splotch their naked bodies with the scum of hoodlumism and hold themselves up for the entire American people to gaze upon and despise. The only possible excuse that can be offered for these so-called journalists is that you can expect no more of the hog than a grunt.

The INTELLIGENCER regrets, however, that expression of this unpatriotic and unkind nature has in some cases come from the pulpit. For the minister of God who would thus prostitute his high and noble calling we have only sympathy. To take reckless bluster into the pulpit of the Christ in order to obtain worldly notoriety is as cowardly as it is despicable and the man who would resort to it is a disgrace to the noble doctrines given to the world by the child of Bethlehem.

The INTELLIGENCER differs with President McKinley on political issues but at the same time the INTELLIGENCER denies the right of any cowardly assassin of patriotism and character to attribute to it feelings and impulses that it loathes. We also deny the right of men who forsake argument and resort to abusive falsehood to charge all good citizens who honestly voted against William McKinley and took the stump against the platform of his party with being in sympathy with anarchy. The hand should be palsied that undertakes to write such calumny.

But let us pass them by on the theory that 'tis the nature of the hog to return to its wallow and the dog to its vomit.

JOHN BULL'S CRIME.

The INTELLIGENCER extends thanks to Webster Davis for a copy of his book, "John Bull's Crimes or Assaults on Republics." The long story as told by this versatile writer is couched in splendid English and is replete with interest from the first to the closing chapter. Throughout the entire work is portrayed an unbounded love of country by the author who loves liberty and despises imperialistic pomp and cruelty. The INTELLIGENCER unhesitatingly asserts that the book should be in every household in Lafayette county.

TO PURCHASE "HAREWOOD."

Arrangements are being perfected in Lexington to give an entertainment at some time and place in the near future to raise money for the purchase of "Historic Harewood," which work has been undertaken by a society of Americans composed of Admiral Dewey and others. Harewood is near Charleston, West Virginia, which place was founded by and named for Col. Charles Washington, youngest brother to President George Washington. The possession would become a valuable one from a standpoint of historic worth.

Senator Cockrell in a letter to a friend at Chillicothe denies the authenticity of an interview published in the Kansas City Journal in which he was made to say that silver was a dead issue. He states that he firmly refused to be interviewed by the Journal man whose story was based upon his own fancy. Senator Cockrell says he is as strong a believer in bimetalism now as he ever was.

ONE ABUSE OF TARIFF.

The country is full of people who can or think they can make good arguments against the free trade theory as applied to American industrial conditions, but no man can make even a colorable showing in favor of a grave public abuse and everybody ought to know that the tariff is full of abuses. The greatest of these is the protection afforded to industries that have outgrown the need of it and which as a result have been absorbed by huge monopolies that virtually have the government by the throat and the great consuming public at their mercy.

No better investment for capital could be found in Lexington than in the erection of substantial tenement houses. It is a fact today that there is not a vacant residence in the town. If Lexington's citizens would see their city push to the front they should provide houses for those who would settle here had they a chance. The greater population we have the better, and in order to increase the population rental houses must be increased in number. Thousands in idle capital are lying dormant in Lexington and this money could not be put to a better purpose than in building houses for good citizens to live in. Let us wake up, broaden out and see Lexington take on a growth commensurate with the city's great natural opportunities.

The interview given out by Senator Wellington of Maryland following the assault on President McKinley to the effect that the president was his enemy and that he had little sympathy for him in the hour of the country's great sorrow does not reflect any credit upon the man who was found big enough for a seat in the upper house of congress. The position assumed by the Marylander is narrow, pusillanimous and unworthy any American citizen. We are glad to note that Wellington was not elected to the senate by the democratic party.

Already smallpox is beginning to make its appearance in this section of Missouri, and as it is a winter disease every possible precaution should be taken to meet its ravages during the coming cold weather. It is a most loathsome pest and hurts any town it enters. While very mild last winter some deaths have occurred recently and there is reason to fear that the mortality will be greater next winter than it was last.

The tragedy that occurred in Buffalo last week causing the entire nation to bow its head in sorrow at the brutal assault on its chief executive has caused a lull in political maneuvering throughout the land.

BAPTIST FEMALE COLLEGE.

Session Began Thursday Under Auspicious Circumstances.

The 1901 and 1902 session of the Baptist Female college was begun Thursday under most favorable circumstances, going to show that this favored institution of learning is holding its own in the affections of the people. Only a few changes have been made in the faculty. Edward W. White remains as president and Robert N. Cook as associate president and business manager, which assures both a successful and a satisfactory administration of the affairs of the college. In the science department a change has been made in the faculty by acquisition of the services of Miss Gae Myers of Illinois. Miss Myers taught two years at Lake Forest university and brings ample experience to her new charge. Miss Hulda Kreher, who arrived in America from Germany a twelve months since will instruct on the violin. Miss Kreher is a graduate of the Conservatory of Music at Leipzig, where she perfected her education in both violin and piano accomplishment. Her violin instructor at Leipzig was the noted Prof. Concert Meister whose fame is known throughout continental Europe. Miss Maude Fish of Ohio will have charge of the vocal department. Miss Fish is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music and spent one year as a concert singer in Boston. She also taught one year in the New England conservatory.

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increased over last year as to boarding pupils shows an increase of over fifty per cent in day scholars. Among those from away from home Missouri leads with the greatest number, with representatives from Indian territory, Colorado, Kentucky and Kansas in the order named. And some are here from other states. There are fifteen pupils enrolled from the Indian territory and representatives from other states average from eight to ten.

THE OLD MEN'S CLUB.

The citizens of Anville and vicinity will entertain the Old Men's club of Lafayette county on the 28th of this month, and at this meeting the annual election of officers will take place.

At this meeting memorial committees will make their reports as follows:
On the death of Menoah Beamer—W. B. Major and D. Y. Prigmore.
On the death of Asa B. Hatch—John E. Ryland and S. W. Burnside.
On the death of Lewis H. Rose—D. G. Doty and James H. Johnson.
On the death of George W. Kennedy—J. Frank Campbell and John F. Neill.
On the death of C. H. Hammer—James A. Emlen and A. G. Campbell.
Since these committees were named two of the members of the organization have passed to their future reward, namely: J. J. Cooksey and W. H. Wilson. As to these memorial committees will be appointed at the coming meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The contract for the construction of a new bridge a mile north of Dover, near the Lockhart place, will be let to the lowest and best bidder at the bridge site at ten o'clock next Wednesday morning, September 18, instead of on the 21st as has been advertised. Don't forget this.

OMISSIONS REGRETTER
In giving an account of the opera, "Little Bo-Peep," in Tuesday's Daily INTELLIGENCER, to be found in another place in this issue, the reporter unintentionally omitted mention of Mrs. L. O. Chapman, under whose able direction with that of Miss Annie Manly the delightful entertainment was given. In addition one of the most pleasing features of the generally attractive program was overlooked, that of a musical sketch by Marie Keach, Nellie and Ben Pries and Lewis Gordon. Necessary apologies are tendered.

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